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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S JULY 22 SPEECH ON KOREA

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1. WE DISCUSSED SECRETARY'S SPEECH ON KOREA WITH ORJAN BERNER, CHIEF OF MFA'S U.N. DIVISION AND PRESENTED HIM WITH AIDE MEMOIRE ON SUBJECT . EMPHASIZING SERIOUSNESS OF USG EFFORTS TO REACH NEGOTIATED SOLUTION ON KOREA RATHER THAN ENGAGE IN FRUITLESS DEBATE AS OCCURRED IN LAST SESSION OF UNGA.

2. BERNER, WHO WILL BE LEAVING SHORTLY AS MEMBER OF 3-MAN SWEDISH DELEGATION TO COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT, SAID GOS FULLY SUPPORTS USG VIEW THAT ROK SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN ANY NEGOTIATIONS ON KOREAN PROBLEM. FURTHERMORE, GOS ALSO BELIEVES BEST WAY TO SOLVE KOREAN PROBLEM IS THROUGH A NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE. BERNER ASKED WHY U.S. PROPOSED LIMITING CONFERENCE ON KOREA TO U.S.,
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ROK, NORTH KOREA AND PRC. POLCOUNS REPLIED THAT THESE

COUNTRIES WERE PARTIES MOST DIRECTLY CONCERNED AND THAT CONFERENCE SHOULD INITIALLY BE LIMITED TO THESE COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, HE NOTED SECRETARY KISSINGER'S JULY 22 SPEECH EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS OF USG AT THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES CONCERNED TO CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF A LARGER CONFERENCE TO NEGOTIATE MORE FUNDAMENTAL ARRANGEMENTS.

3. BERNER SAID SWEDES REGARD THE U.N. COMMAND AS AN "ANACHRONISM" WHICH SHOULD BE DISSOLVED, BUT AGREE THAT IT WOULD HAVE TO BE REPLACED BY SOME OTHER ARRANGEMENT WHICH WOULD PRESERVE THE INTEGRITY OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT. HE NOTED THAT GOS HAS SPECIAL INTEREST IN THIS ISSUE IN VIEW OF ITS MEMBERSHIP ON UNSC, AND STRESSED SWEDISH VIEW THAT ANY SUBSTITUTE ARRANGEMENT FOR UNC WOULD HAVE TO BE EXPLICIT AND DEVOID OF "LEGAL VAGUENESS."

4. WHEN POLITICAL COUNSELOR ASKED IF GOS WOULD USE ITS INFLUENCE TO ENCOURAGE NORTH KOREANS TO ADOPT MORE CONCILIATORY POSTURE TOWARDS ISSUE, BERNER SMILINGLY REPLIED THAT WHILE GOS WOULD DO ITS BEST, HE STRONGLY DOUBTED THAT NORTH KOREANS WOULD BE RESPONSIVE TO SWEDISH ENCOURAGEMENT TO ADOPT REASONABLE STANCE. HE NOTED REPORTS THAT SOME 200 NORTH KOREANS WOULD BE PRESENT AT COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT, PROBABLY INCLUDING KIM IL-SUNG; HOWEVER, BASED ON PAST GOS EXPERIENCE WITH NORTH KOREANS (INCLUDING VISIT BY SENIOR GOS OFFICIAL TO PYONGYANG IN MAY), SWEDES WOULD ANTICIPATE NORTH KOREANS CONTINUING THEIR TRADITIONAL INTRANSIGENT POSITION ON THIS ISSUE, BOTH AT COLOMBO AND AT UNGA. BERNER SAID GOS WOULD FOCUS ITS EFFORTS ON FRIENDS OF NORTH KOREA WITH WHOM SWEDES HAVE SOME INFLUENCE, BUT REITERATED THAT HE SAW LITTLE PROSPECT OF SUCCESS.

5. CONCERNING GOS POSITION ON KOREAN QUESTION AT UNGA, BERNER REPEATED HIS EARLIER STATEMENT (REF B) THAT SWEDES WOULD INITIALLY SEEK "CONSENSUS" RESOLUTION ON ISSUE. HOWEVER, SINCE RESPONSE OF NORTH KOREANS
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LAST YEAR WAS "TOTALLY NEGATIVE", HE SAID SWEDISH FALL-BACK POSITION WOULD BE TO SUPPORT RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY FRIENDS OF U.S. AND ROK.
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